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The invention relates to an automatic machine, which is used in treadmill therapy (walking therapy) of parapetic and hemiparetic patients. The machine automatically guides the patient's legs on the treadmill. The machine includes a driven and controlled orthotic device, which guides the legs in a physiological pattern of movement, a treadmill and a relief mechanism. Knee and hip joints of the orthotic device each include a drive. The orthotic device is stabilized on a treadmill with stabilizing means in such a manner that the patient does not have to keep his/her equilibrium. The orthotic device can be adjusted in height and can be adapted to different patients.